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Grades 3–5

PAPER ADMINISTRATION GUIDE

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Overview

General Information

This document supplements the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* and the appropriate State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) test administrator manual with instructions for administering TEA-approved paper administrations of the grades 3–8 and end-of-course (EOC) STAAR with Embedded Supports tests. This manual should be used in conjunction with those manuals.

Coordinators and test administrators involved in paper administrations of STAAR with Embedded Supports must be trained in the administration procedures outlined in the appropriate STAAR manual and in procedures specific to paper administrations of STAAR with Embedded Supports. Testing personnel must review and follow the instructions in this guide. Coordinators should ensure that testing personnel have the information they need in time to ask questions and prepare for the test administration.

Testing personnel must also follow the test security and confidentiality requirements in the STAAR manuals and the *Test Security Supplement* as applicable to paper administrations.

Use of This Document

During paper administrations of STAAR with Embedded Supports, the test administrator uses the secure designated supports tables and supporting images in this guide to provide accommodations to selections and test questions. The accommodations for language and vocabulary supports and content supports may include an off-limits word list, clarification of words or phrases, the addition of graphics, photographs, and formulas, or indication by the test administrator of certain parts of the selection, test question, or reference materials. The

test administrator may provide an oral administration to eligible students; however, the student's test booklet will indicate text that cannot be read aloud with a “DO NOT READ” icon. Please refer to the Oral/Signed Administration policy document and the Oral/Signed Administration Guidelines for more information.

Student responses will be recorded on scorable paper answer documents. The student may record his or her own answers, or the test administrator may record the student's responses if the student is eligible for Basic Transcribing or approved for Complex Transcribing.

Organization of This Document

The *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guide* consists of the following sections:

- District and Campus Coordinator instructions on preparing for a STAAR with Embedded Supports paper administration and administering a paper version of STAAR with Embedded Supports
- test administrator **SAY** directions
- secure subject-specific supports provided in tables
- secure subject-specific supporting images for selections and test questions
- security oath

Accommodations Information

Previously referred to as “Type 1” accommodations or “linguistic accommodations,” locally approved designated supports include accommodations that may be made available to students who meet the eligibility criteria. The decision to provide these designated

supports, or accommodations, to a student is made by the appropriate team of people at the campus level based on the eligibility criteria indicated in each policy document. Detailed information about STAAR accessibility, including state policy for designated supports, can be found on the Texas Education Agency's (TEA's) Accommodation Resources webpage.

If a student needs a designated support that requires TEA approval (e.g., Photocopy, Extra Day), this request should have been submitted to TEA in the request for a paper administration of STAAR with Embedded Supports. An Accommodation Request Form should **NOT** be submitted. Contact TEA's Accommodation Task Force at 512-463-9536 if you have questions.

District and Campus Coordinators

Designate and Train Test Administrators

Campus coordinators should schedule training sessions before testing begins. Prior to the training session, test administrators should review this guide, refer to the appropriate STAAR test administrator manual for procedures that are applicable to paper administrations, and review any additional online resources, as instructed by the campus coordinator. Test administrator training should also include the following:

- **Test security and confidentiality requirements.** It is important that test administrators understand their obligations concerning test security and confidentiality since they will be viewing a secure state assessment. Coordinators and test administrators can find this information in the appropriate STAAR test administrator manual and the *Test Security Supplement*. The test administrator must sign the Oath of Test Security and Confidentiality for Test Administrator document. This includes the bottom section of the oath for test administrators who are authorized to view secure state assessments.
- **Time limits.** The STAAR Policies and Procedures document applies to STAAR with Embedded Supports; it can be found on the TEA's District and Campus Coordinator Manual Resources webpage. Test sessions should be scheduled for the applicable amount of time (four or five hours depending on the subject) unless a student is eligible to receive an extended time accommodation [i.e., extra time (same day), extra day].
- **Preparing students to receive accommodations.** Test administrators providing accommodations must receive additional training when administering a test with accommodations, or designated supports, and should be familiar with the subject matter assessed and the needs of the

students. Test administrators should talk to students before the test session to prepare them for testing with accommodations, explain how the STAAR with Embedded Supports paper test session will be conducted, and explain the types of accommodations students will receive. Although students are familiar with classroom accommodations, test administrators might need to review particulars about using the accommodations in a testing situation. The test administration directions assume that students have already been informed about their particular accommodations. This information should include any accessibility features students need or additional accommodations. Detailed information about the state accessibility policy, including information about accessibility features and designated supports, can be found on the TEA's Accommodation Resources webpage.

- **Administration groupings.** Because test administrators respond to student requests for reading text aloud and presenting additional accommodations, individual or small group administrations may be necessary.

Receive, Verify, and Distribute Materials to Campuses

A district will receive a shipment of test materials for each TEA-approved request for a paper administration of STAAR with Embedded Supports. If a district submits separate requests, materials will be sent upon approval of each request. The following materials are included:

- packing list
- test booklet(s) (including large print, if applicable)

- answer documents (see the instructions in the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* for completing the fields on the answer document). Answer documents for STAAR with Embedded Supports paper versions are different than the answer documents for the general STAAR test.
- the applicable *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides* (one guide for every three students for each subject)
- supplemental materials, including Punnett squares and writing checklists (if applicable)
- shipping information, as detailed in the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual*

District coordinators should verify that the shipment is complete and immediately forward it to the campus coordinator.

Review of Shipment by Campus Coordinator

- Retain the packing list throughout the testing process. Verify that the number of secure test booklets and *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides* matches the quantity indicated on the packing list.
- Verify that the ten-digit security numbers on the back of each test booklet match the range of numbers on the packing list. The letter “S” in front of the security number should be ignored.
- If a discrepancy is found between the campus packing list and the secure booklets and *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides* received, the campus coordinator should report it immediately to the district coordinator.
- To account for secure test materials (test booklets and *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides*) signed out to test administrators, campus coordinators must use the

Materials Control Form for STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administrations provided in this guide. Every test administrator will need a *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guide* for each subject administered. The range of security numbers of the test booklets assigned to each test administrator must be recorded. Test administrators must verify that they have received the test materials assigned to them, as recorded on the Materials Control Form, and that they have signed their security oath. Test administrators are responsible for the test materials until returning them to the campus coordinator. Secure materials must be checked out and back in on the day of the test.

Materials for Test Sessions

On the day of the test, test administrators must be provided the materials listed below for each student. Test administrators should keep the materials in locked storage until immediately before testing.

- two No. 2 pencils with erasers per student
- one answer document per student
- one secure test booklet per student
- one secure test booklet for the test administrator (if needed)
- one secure *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guide* that corresponds to the student’s test subject
- separate supplemental materials, including Punnett squares and writing checklists (if applicable)
- required dictionary per the STAAR Dictionary Policy (if applicable)
- required calculator per the STAAR Calculator Policy (if applicable)

- other allowable accessibility features or accommodations for students provided based on student need or eligibility (if applicable)
- any additional TEA-authorized materials or devices that are approved or allowed, as needed

Reference materials and graph paper for STAAR with Embedded Supports mathematics and science assessments are included in the test booklets as applicable. These materials are printed on perforated pages so that students can remove them and use them during the test administration.

If applicable, supplemental materials will be provided as separate handouts (e.g., Punnett squares for biology and writing checklists for grades 4 and 7 writing, English I, and English II).

You must return all materials assigned to you at the end of the test session. The campus coordinator will initial the form to indicate that you have returned the materials.

Test booklets and STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides are secure materials. Keep them in locked storage when not in use.

Arrange for Testing Rooms and Organize Test Sessions

Follow the procedures in the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* and this document to arrange for testing rooms and organize test sessions. Test sessions must be conducted under the best possible conditions.

Distribute Materials to Test Administrators

After test administrators have verified that they have received the exact quantity of test materials required, they must initial the “Out” box on the Materials Control Form. The test administrators’ initials signify that they have received the test materials assigned to them, as recorded on the form, and that they have signed their security oath.

Test administrators are responsible for the test materials until returning them to the campus coordinator. **All test materials assigned must be returned after the test session.**

Ensure Proper Testing Procedures

Test sessions must be conducted under the best possible conditions. Using the appropriate *STAAR Test Administrator Manual*, follow the procedures that are applicable to paper administrations. Also note the following:

- Students must record their answers on the answer document within the time limit. Students will not be permitted to record answers after the time limit has expired.
- Students must be reminded periodically to record their answers on the answer document. Test administrators may say, for example, **“Be sure to mark your answers on the answer document.”** However, test administrators may not view or discuss individual test questions or responses.

Unusable or Defective Test Materials

If a test booklet or answer document becomes unusable at any point during a test session, the test administrator must contact the campus coordinator for guidance.

Prepare Materials for Return

Student responses cannot be scored unless they are recorded using a No. 2 pencil on an answer document. Answers marked in a test booklet will not be scored. Only students are allowed to erase stray marks or darken answer choices (unless the test administrator is transcribing the student's response), and only during the scheduled test session.

After testing, return all test materials to the campus coordinator.

Receive Materials from Test Administrators After Testing

After testing, campus coordinators must check the security numbers of the test booklets against those assigned to the test administrators and ensure the return of all *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides* and other test materials. When the materials are returned, the campus coordinator must initial the "In" box on the Materials Control Form. The initials indicate that test administrators have returned all test materials checked out to them as listed on the Materials Control Form. Keep the Materials Control Form for your records. Any scratch paper used by students must be destroyed immediately after testing. Campus coordinators should follow the instructions in the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* for returning materials to the district coordinator.

Complete Paper Administration Process

Test administrators or other campus personnel should follow the instructions in the *District and Campus Coordinator Manual* for completing the SCORE CODE field and the ACCOMM. field on the answer document.

If these fields are not accurately completed, the test will not be correctly scored.

Return Materials to District Coordinator

Keep all secure materials in locked storage until they are shipped to the district coordinator. Nonscorable materials must be returned to the district coordinator after each administration by the date designated on the Calendar of Events.

Scorable materials include:

- used and voided answer documents

Nonscorable materials include:

- used and unused test booklets
- supplemental materials, such as Punnett squares and writing checklists (if applicable)
- large-print materials (if applicable)
- *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides*

As district coordinators receive nonscorable materials from campuses, they must verify that campus coordinators have completed the following:

- submitted all nonscorable materials and assembled them correctly
- provided accurate counts of the materials submitted

MATERIALS CONTROL FORM

Campus coordinators should use this form to account for secure test materials signed out to test administrators or other campus personnel for all STAAR with Embedded Supports paper test administrations.

Before distributing the materials, the campus coordinator should fill out the name of the individual issued materials and the applicable test booklet columns.

Individuals issued materials should fill in the date and initial the "Out" box. The initials in the "Out" box signify that they have received the materials assigned to them. The form should not be initialed if the information on it is incorrect.

Any missing secure materials must be located before the campus coordinator initials the "In" box. If a missing booklet or other secure material cannot be located, the campus coordinator should immediately contact the district coordinator.

Campus Name	Campus Coordinator
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Duplicate this form as necessary.

Language and Vocabulary Support and Content Support

Test administrators must adhere to the following guidelines when administering a paper version of STAAR with Embedded Supports. Allowable test administrator-provided language and vocabulary support and content support is specifically described in the accommodation tables. Please note that the application of language and vocabulary supports varies depending on the subjects being assessed. Test administrators must pay close attention to the differences described in the following section.

Language and Vocabulary Support (reading, writing, English I, and English II)

The accommodation tables allow the test administrator to **SAY** something to the student or to **Show** the student an image if the student asks for clarification of a word or phrase that IS included in the table. The words included in the accommodation table under “Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support” will NOT be marked with underline dots on the students’ booklets. Students need to be made aware that for reading, writing, English I, and English II they can ask for clarification of words or phrases and the test administrator may be able to offer definitions, synonyms, or show pictures if those words are included in the accommodations table.

SAY: The “Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support” column in the accommodation table may instruct the test administrator to **SAY** something to the student. This text must be communicated to the student exactly as written. The information in the **SAY** text cannot be paraphrased, simplified, or shortened. The information can be stated, signed, or provided in written form. The

test administrator may repeat the **SAY** information as many times as needed.

Show: Images that accommodate selections and test questions are located in this guide. The “Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support” column in the accommodation table may instruct the test administrator to **Show** the student an image (e.g., political cartoon, chart, map, photo) on a specific page in the guide.

If the student asks for clarification of a word or phrase that is NOT included in the “Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support” column in the accommodation table, test administrators may say, “I can’t help you with that; just do the best you can.”

Selections and test questions that do not have any language and vocabulary supports are shaded and left blank in the accommodation tables.

Language and Vocabulary Support (mathematics, science, and social studies)

The accommodation table includes “Words Not Eligible for Clarification.” For each item, test administrators may NOT clarify any words that appear in this column. If the word or phrase is included in the accommodation table, test administrators may say, “I can’t help you with that; just do the best you can.” If the student has a required dictionary per the STAAR Dictionary policy or meets the eligibility criteria for a dictionary as a designated support, the test administrator may say, “You can look that up in your dictionary, but I can’t help you with it.”

If the student asks for help with the meaning of a word that is NOT included in the accommodation table, the test administrator may clarify through the use of simpler words, gestures, or pictures. Clarifications must not provide any direct or indirect assistance or reinforcement that aids in the identification of the correct response to a test item. Clarification may be provided only at the request of the student.

Test questions that do not have any language and vocabulary supports are shaded and left blank in the accommodation tables.

Content Support (all subjects)

For selections and test questions that have words with dotted underlines in the student's test booklet, test administrators may provide supports provided in the "Accommodations for Content Support" column of the accommodation table. Test administrators are allowed to **SAY** something to the student, to **Show** the student an image, or to **Indicate** to the student specific information in the student's test booklet. This information may be repeated as often as necessary.

SAY: This text must be communicated to the student exactly as written. The information in the **SAY** text cannot be paraphrased, simplified, or shortened. The information can be stated, signed, or provided in written form. The test administrator may repeat the **SAY** information as many times as needed.

Show: Images that accommodate selections and test questions are located in this guide. The "Accommodations for Content Support" column in the accommodation table may instruct the test administrator to **Show** the student an image (e.g., political cartoon, chart, map, photo) on a specific page in the guide.

Indicate: In some instances, the test administrator will need to **Indicate** to the student specific information in the student's test booklet. The test administrator may **Indicate** information in the most appropriate way for that student (e.g., point to the information, cover the information not indicated, place the student's hand on the information, etc.).

Selections and test questions that do not have any content supports are shaded and left blank in the accommodation tables.

Supplemental materials, such as blank Punnett Squares for biology and writing checklists for grades 4 and 7 writing, and English I and English II, will be provided as separate handouts.

Accommodation Table Examples

The accommodation tables and supporting images in the *STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Administration Guides* are secure. Test administrators must use these tables and supporting images when administering a paper version of STAAR with Embedded Supports. They contain information about the selections and test questions that may be accommodated throughout the administration of the test.

Format of the STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Test for reading, writing, English I, and English II

During a STAAR with Embedded Supports paper testing session for reading, writing, English I, and English II, parts of selections and test questions in the student’s test booklet will contain a dotted underline that indicates the text is eligible for a content support. The test administrator may remind the student that he or she can ask for support when they see this dotted underline in their test booklet.

If a student asks for content support, the test administrator will refer to the accommodation tables and, if needed, the pages that contain supporting images. The test administrator will provide the accommodation indicated in the accommodation table for the text specified in the selection or test question.

If the student asks for clarification of a word or phrase, the test administrator will refer to the “Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support” column in the accommodation table. For each item, test administrators may only clarify words or phrases that appear in the accommodation table. The words or phrases eligible for language and vocabulary supports will not be marked with a dotted underline to avoid confusion with content supports. The test

administrator will provide the clarification indicated in the accommodation table. If the word or phrase is not eligible for clarification, test administrators may say, “I can’t help you with that; just do the best you can.”

Example for reading, writing, English I and English II

The dotted underlines indicate that the test administrator may provide the accommodation located in the accommodation tables.

1 Why does the poet include a simile in line 22?

A To emphasize the delicateness of the butterflies

B To identify another animal that inhabits the area

C To describe how the butterflies become less attractive over time

D To express the idea that the area will be less beautiful without the butterflies

Test Question Number	Accommodations for Eligible Language and Vocabulary Support	Accommodations for Content Support (dotted underlines)
1	<p>A delicateness</p> <p>SAY weakness</p>	<p>simile</p> <p>SAY A simile is a comparison of two things that are not alike using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>.</p>
	<p>B inhabits</p> <p>SAY lives in</p>	<p>line 22</p> <p>Indicate line 22 in the poem in the student’s test booklet.</p>

Format of the STAAR with Embedded Supports Paper Test for mathematics, science and social studies

During a STAAR with Embedded Supports mathematics, science and social studies paper testing session, parts of test questions in the student's test booklet will contain a dotted underline that indicates the text is eligible for a content support.

The test administrator may remind the student that he or she can ask for support when they see a dotted underline in their test booklet. If a student asks for support, the test administrator will refer to the accommodation tables and, if needed, the pages that contain supporting images. The test administrator will provide the accommodation indicated in the accommodation table for the text specified in the test question.

If the student asks for clarification of a word or phrase, the test administrator will refer to the "Words Not Eligible for Clarification for Language and Vocabulary Support" column of the accommodation table. For each item, test administrators may **NOT** clarify any words that appear in this column. If the word or phrase is not eligible for clarification, test administrators may say, "I can't help you with that; just do the best you can." If the student meets the eligibility criteria for a dictionary as a designated support, the test administrator may say, "You can look that up in your dictionary, but I can't help you with it."

- Students may be provided with additional accommodations that are not contained in this guide. Refer to the TEA's Accommodation Resources webpage for a list of accommodations that may be used on STAAR by eligible students. In addition, students may be provided with any accessibility features needed. Refer to the Accessibility Features document, also located on the Accommodation Resources webpage.

Example for mathematics, science and social studies tests

The dotted underline indicates that the test administrator may provide the accommodation located in the accommodation tables.

- 1 Clara Barton is well known in U.S. history for —
- A establishing the Underground Railroad to assist runaway slaves
 - B organizing the Seneca Falls Convention to promote women’s rights
 - C founding the American Red Cross to assist victims of war and natural disaster
 - D instituting the Anti-Saloon League to promote temperance

For each item test administrators may **not** clarify any words that appear in this column. These off-limit words are for test administrator use only and may not be shown to students.

Test administrators may clarify the meaning of eligible words (those that do **not** appear in this column) through the use of simpler words, gestures and/or pictures at student request.

Test Question Number	Words Not Eligible for Clarification for Language and Vocabulary Support	Accommodations for Content Support (dotted underlines)
1	Clara Barton, Underground Railroad, slaves, Seneca Falls Convention, American Red Cross, Anti-Saloon League, temperance	Clara Barton Show photo on page 41.


Photo
Test Question Number 1



Read Aloud Support

The test administrator will use the student's test booklet or the test administrator's copy of the student booklet to read aloud the following test content based on the needs of the student.

- mathematics, science, and social studies assessments: the entire test
- reading: prereading text and test question and answer choices
- writing: all prereading text, revising selections, revising test questions and answer choices, and the entire writing prompt
- English I and English II: all prereading text, reading test questions and answer choices, revising selections, revising test questions and answer choices, and the entire writing prompt

The test administrator may **NOT** read aloud specific test content. A symbol  in the student's booklet will signify that the test administrator may **NOT** read aloud the following.

- reading selections (reading, English I, and English II assessments)
- editing selections (writing, English I, and English II assessments)
- editing questions and answer choices (writing, English I, and English II assessments)

Accommodations for Students with Visual Impairments

To meet the needs of students with visual impairments, test administrators may enlarge, sign, or verbally describe images, such as photos, diagrams, maps, and graphics, that appear in the STAAR with Embedded Supports test. The images may also be paired with

tactile symbols/text/objects. Test administrators must keep their voice inflection neutral when describing images to students to avoid favoring one answer choice over another. These image descriptions can include only details that a sighted student would obtain from viewing the images and should **NOT** contain information that could reveal a correct answer or make an incorrect answer option more attractive to a student.

Types of Student Responses

Student responses will be recorded on scorable paper answer documents. Answer documents for STAAR with Embedded Supports paper version are different than the answer documents for the general STAAR test. The student may record his or her own answers, or the test administrator may record the student's responses if the student is eligible for Basic Transcribing or approved for Complex Transcribing.

When transcribing a student's responses to griddable questions, the Transcribing Griddable Questions document must be printed and provided to each student who does not use his or her answer document so that the student is aware of the maximum number of boxes available for an answer to a griddable question. Blank Transcribing Griddable Questions student documents are available on the STAAR Assessment Management System two weeks prior to testing. This separate sheet must be used by the test administrator who transfers the student's responses onto the answer document. District or campus testing coordinators must print the applicable student documents prior to testing and destroy them after transcription is complete.

Test Administration Directions—Grade 4 Writing

Before reading the administration directions aloud, distribute the following materials to students if they do not already have them:

- two No. 2 pencils with erasers per student
- one answer document per student
- one expository writing checklist per student
- other accommodations (if applicable)
- any additional TEA-authorized materials needed for administering the test

For ELLs, test administrators are allowed to translate, simplify, or repeat oral instructions as long as the substance of the directions is not changed.

For students receiving accommodations, or designated supports, the test administrator is permitted to modify the directions when needed.

The following statement should be provided to students who are receiving an extended time or additional day accommodation. The test administrator should say, for example, **“You will have [until the end of the school day; two days] to complete this test...”**

The following statement is only for students who are receiving basic transcribing. The test administrator should say, for example, **“All of your answers and your composition must be recorded [per student’s method of response] before the end of the four-hour time period.”**

Students may work through the writing test in any order that works best for them.

Read aloud **WORD FOR WORD** the material printed in **bold** type and preceded by the word **“SAY.”** You may repeat the directions as many times as needed. The material in *italics* is information meant for you and should not be read aloud to students.

SAY Today you will be taking the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness—STAAR writing test. It is important for you to do your best. Now I am going to give each of you a test booklet. When you get your test booklet, do not open it, write on it, or break any seals on the edge of your booklet until I ask you to do so. Do not fill in any information on your answer document until I tell you to do so. If you have any questions while I am passing out the test booklets, please let me know. Keep your pencil on your desk until I tell you that you may use it.

Give a test booklet to each student.

SAY Now look at your answer document. Does everyone see “GRADE 4 WRITING” on the left-hand side of your answer document?

Assist any students who do not have the correct answer document.

SAY Look at the front of your test booklet. Does everyone see “GRADE 4 Writing” on the front of your booklet?

Assist any students who do not have the correct test booklet.

Students must write their first and last names on their test booklets and complete the TEST BOOKLET # field on their answer documents at this time. Directions for completing this information follow.

SAY Print your first and last name in the space marked “STUDENT NAME” at the top of your test booklet.

When all students are ready, continue.

SAY On the back of each test booklet, there is a printed number. Each booklet has a different number. This number has ten digits. Ignore the “S” in front of the number. You need to look at only the ten digits.

Hold up one of your students’ test booklets and point to the security number on the back.

SAY Now find the words “TEST BOOKLET #” at the top of your answer document.

Point to the TEST BOOKLET # field on the answer document given to you for demonstration purposes. When all students have located this section, continue.

SAY Copy all ten digits printed after the “S” from the back of your test booklet into the boxes beside the words “TEST BOOKLET #” on your answer document. Be sure to copy this number exactly as it appears. Do not copy the “S” before the number. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Continue to use your sample answer document to point out to students where to find specific items on their answer document. Monitor students closely while they copy the security number. When all students have finished, continue.

Directions for breaking the seal on the test follow. Monitor students carefully while they are breaking this seal to prevent test booklets from being damaged and seals from being broken prematurely.

SAY Look at your test booklet. It is closed by a seal on the right side. Does everyone see the seal?

Assist any students having difficulty. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Use the eraser end of your pencil to break the seal along the edge. If you have any questions or need any help, please let me know.

Assist any student who may be having difficulty. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Today you will write a composition and answer some multiple-choice questions. You can decide for yourself how you want to work through the test. You may write the composition first, or you may work on the multiple-choice section first.

At this time I will read the directions for the written composition. After I explain the writing task, I will read the directions for the revising and editing section.

Now open your test booklet to the page that is titled “WRITTEN COMPOSITION.” Then turn to the next page to find the expository writing prompt. Look at the information provided in your test booklet and read the prompt to yourself. If you would like me to read it to you, please let me know.

The test administrator may read aloud or sign the writing prompt to any student who requests this assistance. Using the

student's test booklet, the test administrator may read aloud or sign to an individual student any text (i.e., all text on the prompt page) related to the prompt. It is allowable to read the entire prompt or any part of the prompt as many times as necessary. Test administrators must be aware that they are viewing secure test content and that responding to the writing prompt or recording the information they see is strictly prohibited. The test administrator may not interpret or make suggestions to the student about how to respond. The test administrator cannot translate (except into sign language), change, add to, or explain the writing prompt. For a student whose IEP/IAP documentation includes this assistance, the test administrator may read aloud or sign the specific writing prompt without the student requesting it.

When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Now look at the blank pages in your test booklet.

Pick up one of your student's test booklets and show students the prewriting pages.

SAY You may use these blank pages to “think out” and plan your composition. You may make notes to help you decide what you want to write. In addition, you may write an outline to help you arrange your ideas in an order that makes sense, or you may write a rough draft. Remember that the more planning you do, the clearer and more complete your composition is likely to be. If you write a rough draft on a blank page, remember that you must rewrite the composition on the correct lined page in your answer document.

Now open your answer document to page 3 and find the box under the words “Written Composition.” When you are ready, you will write your composition here.

Show students the lined page in the answer document.

SAY Your composition does not have to completely fill the page; however, it must not be longer than one page. Do not write outside the box on the lined page, and do not add lines to your written composition page.

Be sure to write neatly so that others can read your writing. You may either print or write in cursive, whichever is easier for you. Remember that you must write in English and you must use only a No. 2 pencil to write your composition. If you need another pencil before you finish writing, please let me know. Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY When you finish writing, read over your work and check for mistakes. If you find any mistakes or if you would like to change something, you may do so. Be sure to erase any stray marks that you may have made accidentally on your answer document. You may use the writing checklist I handed out to help you. If you would like me to read aloud any words or sentences on the writing checklist, let me know.

Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Now open your test booklet to the page titled “REVISING AND EDITING.” Then turn to the next page to find the prereading text for the first selection. Every time you see

prereading text, I can read it aloud to you to let you know what the selection will be about. The last question of every selection will have a STOP sign. This tells you that you have answered all the questions for that selection. When you turn the page, you will see the prereading text for the next selection. Let me know if you would like me to read the prereading text before you read the selection.

Now turn to the next page to find the first selection. At this time I will read the directions for the revising and editing section. Follow along as I read aloud the directions at the top of the page.

“Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question. Then fill in the answer on your answer document.”

Notice that in the selection there is a number before each sentence. These numbers will help you find the sentence or sentences you will need in order to answer the questions that follow.

Open your answer document to page 2 and find the section marked “REVISING AND EDITING.” This is where you will mark your answers for the revising and editing section. Be sure to mark only one answer on your answer document for each question. Mark your answers very carefully and make your marks dark and neat. If you find that you want to change an answer, completely erase your first choice. Then fill in the circle for your new choice.

Help any students having difficulty locating the correct section of the answer document. When all students are ready, continue.

For students receiving content supports:

SAY This test has embedded content supports. You will see a dotted underline under some words and sentences. When you see this, you can ask me for help.

For students receiving language and vocabulary supports:

SAY If you need clarification of certain words and phrases, you can ask me for help. I may be able to give you a definition or synonym to help you.

For students receiving oral administration:

SAY If you would like me to read aloud any words or sentences during the test, let me know. However, on some parts of the test you will see a DO NOT READ icon. When you see this icon, it tells you that the selections and questions cannot be read aloud.

SAY Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY You will write your composition and answer the questions by yourself. I cannot help you answer any test questions. I will be able to help you only with questions about the directions.

You may not know the answers to all the questions. If you do not know the answer to a question, choose the answer you think might be correct. Remember that you may write in your test booklet if you would like to make notes.

Unless students have an extended time accommodation, read the following:

You will have up to four hours to complete this test, which includes a composition and some multiple-choice questions. During the test, you will be provided with reminders of the time left to test. Your answers and your composition must be recorded on your answer document before the four-hour time period ends.

Remember that you may work on the test in any order that you choose. You may check your answers and your composition after you have finished. Be sure to erase any stray marks that you might have accidentally made on your answer document.

When you have finished looking over your work, let me know. I will come to your desk to collect your answer document and test booklet. Please sit quietly so that you do not disturb others who are still working. Do not talk to one another while others are still working on the test. Are there any questions?

*Test administrators are not allowed to answer any questions related to the content of the test itself. If a student asks a question that you are not permitted to answer, you may say, for example, “**I can’t answer that for you; just do the best you can.**”*

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY You will now write your composition and answer the multiple-choice questions. Remember to mark your answers very carefully and make your marks dark and neat. While you are working on the test, I will be quietly moving around the room to make sure you are following the directions and working on your own. If there are no more questions, now you may begin.

*Unless students have an extended time accommodation, begin timing the four-hour time period now. Record the start time on your seating chart. Refer to the “STAAR Policies and Procedures” section of the STAAR Test Administrator Manual — Grades 3–5 for information on breaks and time-limit reminders. Remember to actively monitor during the test. If a student submits his or her test materials before the end of the four-hour time period, you must check that the student’s answers are marked on the answer document. If they are not, say to the student, “**You have not recorded your answers on the answer document. Please go back and mark your answers on it now.**” The test materials should then be returned so that the student may record his or her answers. You may look at answer documents only to see whether responses are recorded; you may not examine or comment on individual responses. Remember, students must record their answers on the answer document before the end of the four-hour time period. Students may not be allowed to record answers on the answer document after the four-hour time period ends unless they are receiving an extended time accommodation. After a student has completed the test, collect the test materials. Students may then be allowed to read books quietly or leave the testing room.*

Any scratch paper or other materials must be collected and returned to the campus coordinator.

Record the stop time for the test session on the seating chart.

Follow directions from your campus coordinator, and refer to the “Complete Paper Administration Process” section in this manual.

Return your materials to the campus coordinator. Refer to the STAAR Test Administrator Manual – 3–5 for instructions on returning materials.

At no time should you erase stray marks or darken answer-choice circles on students’ answer documents.

**UNAUTHORIZED VIEWING, DISCUSSION, DUPLICATION,
OR SCORING OF SECURE TEST MATERIALS IS NOT
PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.**

Test Administration Directions—Mathematics, Reading, and Science

Before reading the administration directions aloud, distribute the following materials to students if they do not already have them:

- two No. 2 pencils with erasers per student
- one answer document per student
- other accommodations (if applicable)
- any additional TEA-authorized materials needed for administering the test

For ELLs, test administrators are allowed to translate, simplify, or repeat oral instructions as long as the substance of the directions is not changed.

For students receiving accommodations, or designated supports, the test administrator is permitted to modify the directions when needed.

The following statement should be provided to students who are receiving an extended time or additional day accommodation. The test administrator should say, for example, **“You will have [until the end of the school day; two days] to complete this test...”**

The following statement is only for students who are receiving basic transcribing. The test administrator should say, for example, **“All of your answers and your composition must be recorded [per student’s method of response] before the end of the four-hour time period.”**

Reference materials and graph paper for STAAR with Embedded Supports mathematics assessments are included in the test booklets as applicable. These materials are printed on perforated pages so that students can remove them and use them during the test administration. If students write on or make notes on the reference materials that have been removed, the materials must be destroyed immediately after testing is complete.

Read aloud **WORD FOR WORD** the material printed in **bold** type and preceded by the word **“SAY.”** You may repeat the directions as many times as needed. The material in *italics* is information meant for you and should not be read aloud to students.

SAY Today you will be taking the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness—STAAR [SUBJECT-AREA] test. It is important for you to do your best. I am going to give each of you a test booklet. When you get your test booklet, do not open it, write on it, or break the paper seal on the edge of your booklet until I ask you to do so. Do not fill in any information on the answer document unless I ask you to do so. If you have any questions while I am passing out the test booklets and answer documents, please let me know. Keep your pencil on your desk until I tell you that you may use it.

Distribute a test booklet to each student.

For all subjects:

If they have not done so previously, students must write their first and last names on the test booklets and complete the [SUBJECT-AREA] TEST BOOKLET # field on their answer documents at this time. Directions for completing this information are printed below. You may have students who completed this information earlier in the week. If all students have already completed this information, proceed to the end of the boxed text and resume reading.

SAY Look at the front of your test booklet. Does everyone see STAAR [SUBJECT-AREA] on the front of your booklet?

Assist any students who do not have the correct test booklet.

SAY Write your first and last name on the blank line next to where it says “Student Name.”

When all students have finished, continue.

SAY On the back of each test booklet is a printed number. Each booklet has a different number. This number has 10 digits.

Hold up one of your student’s test booklets and point to the security number on the back.

SAY Now look at the top of your [SUBJECT-AREA] answer document. Does everyone see “[SUBJECT-AREA]” at the top-left side of your answer document?

Assist any students who do not have the correct answer document.

SAY Now find the words “TEST BOOKLET” at the top of your answer document.

Point to TEST BOOKLET # field on the answer document given to you for demonstration purposes. When students have located this section, continue.

SAY Copy the 10-digit number from the back of your test booklet into the boxes next to the words “[SUBJECT-AREA] TEST BOOKLET” on your answer document. There is a letter “S” in front of the boxes that you should ignore. Be sure to copy this number exactly as it appears. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Continue to use your sample answer document to point out to students where to find specific items on their answer document. Monitor students closely while they copy the security number. When all students have finished, continue.

Directions for breaking the seal on the test follow. Monitor students carefully while they are breaking this seal to prevent test booklets from being damaged and seals from being broken prematurely.

SAY Look at your test booklet. It is closed by a paper seal on the right side.

Pick up one of your student’s test booklets and, without breaking the seal, demonstrate as you read the following.

SAY Use the eraser end of your pencil to open the paper seal on the edge of the test booklet. If you have any questions or need any help, please let me know.

Assist any student who may be having difficulty. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY Now look at the back of your answer document and find the section titled “SUBJECT-AREA.” To answer a multiple-choice question, fill in the circle on your answer document. Be sure to mark only one answer for each question. Mark your answers very carefully and make your marks dark and neat. If you need to change an answer, carefully erase it and mark your new answer.

Check that all students have found the correct place on their answer document. Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

For mathematics

SAY There are some questions on the test with an answer grid. To answer this kind of question, you will write your answer in the boxes. Then fill in the circles below the boxes. Are there any questions about how to write down your answers to this kind of question?

Answer all questions. When all students are ready, continue.

For reading

SAY Now open your test booklet and turn to the page titled “READING.” Then turn to the next page to find the prereading text for the first selection. Every time you see prereading text, I can read it aloud to you to let you know what the selection will be about. If you see a STOP sign at the bottom of a page, this tells you that you are about to read another selection. Let me know if you would like me to read the prereading text before you read that selection.

In the selections and test questions you may see a dotted underline under some words and sentences. When you see this, you can ask me for help. I may be able to give you a definition, a synonym, or a picture of certain words to help you. I may also give you text from certain parts of a reading selection.

If you would like me to read aloud any words or sentences during the test, let me know. However, on some parts of the test you will see a DO NOT READ icon. When you see this icon, it tells you that the selections cannot be read aloud.

Are there any questions?

For mathematics and science

SAY You may see a dotted underline under some words and sentences. When you see this, you can ask me for help. I may be able to give you a definition, a synonym, a formula, or a picture of certain words to help you. I may also be able to read aloud a part of the test that you need help with.

Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When students are ready, continue.

SAY I cannot help you answer any test questions. You must answer them by yourself.

For mathematics

SAY To answer a griddable question, write your answer in the boxes and then fill in the corresponding circles below. Does anyone have any questions about how to record your answer?

Make sure that students understand how to grid their answers correctly. When all students are ready, continue.

For mathematics

SAY Open your test booklet and find the reference materials and graph paper. You may also use scratch paper. You may use these when you are solving problems. You may tear these materials out of your test booklet if you choose. You may also use scratch paper. If you need help, please let me know.

Assist any student who may be having difficulty. When all students are ready, continue.

SAY You may work problems in the blank spaces in your test booklet or on your graph paper. However, when you answer a question on this test, you must mark the answer on your answer document.

SAY You may not know the answers to all the questions. If you do not know the answer to a question, choose the answer you think might be correct. Remember that you may write in your test booklet if you would like to make notes. Be sure to mark your answers on your answer document. If you need to change an answer, carefully erase it and mark your new answer. Remember to choose only one answer for each question.

Unless students have an extended time accommodation, read the following:

You will have up to four hours to finish your test. Stop when you come to the last page of the [SUBJECT-AREA] test. During the test, I will remind you how much time you still have to test. All of your answers must be marked on your answer document before the four-hour time period ends.

You may check your answers after you have finished, but do not open or work in any other section of your test booklet or answer document. Be sure to erase any extra marks that you might have accidentally made on your answer document. When you have finished looking over your work, close your test booklet and let me know. I will come to your desk to collect your answer document, test booklet, and other materials. Please sit quietly so that you do not disturb others who are still working. Do not talk to anyone while others are still working on the test. Are there any questions?

Test administrators are not allowed to answer any questions related to the content of the test itself. If a student asks a question that you are not permitted to answer, you may say, for example, “I can’t answer that for you; just do the best you can.”

Answer all questions. When students are ready, continue.

SAY You will now take the [SUBJECT-AREA] test by yourself. While you are working on the test, I will be quietly moving around the room to make sure you are following the directions and working on your own. Let me know if you need any help with the words or sentences that have dotted underlines or need anything read aloud.

Read the directions that are provided before you read the questions and mark your answers. Remember to mark your answers very carefully and make your marks dark and neat on the answer document.

Are there any questions?

Answer all questions. When students are ready, continue.

SAY If there are no more questions, you may begin.

*Unless students have an extended time accommodation, begin timing the four-hour time period now. Record the start time on your seating chart. Refer to the “STAAR Policies and Procedures” section of the 2017 STAAR Test Administrator Manual – Grades 3–5 for information on breaks and time-limit reminders. Remember to actively monitor during the test. If a student submits his or her test materials before the end of the four-hour time period, you must check that the student’s answers are marked on the answer document. If they are not, say to the student, “**You have not recorded your answers on the answer document. Please go back and mark your answers on it now.**” The test materials should then be returned so that the student may record his or her answers. You may look at answer documents only to see whether responses are recorded; you may not examine or comment on individual responses. Remember, students must record their answers on the answer document before the end of the four-hour time period. Students may not be allowed to record answers on the answer document after the four-hour time period ends. After a student has completed the test, collect the test materials. Students may then be allowed to read books quietly or leave the testing room.*

For March and May 2017 primary administrations only: When a student has completed this STAAR assessment session, record the amount of time he or she took to complete that subject-area test. Please refer to the specific directions for each subject-area test in Appendix D in the 2017 STAAR Test Administrator Manual – Grades 3–5 to mark the appropriate bubbles in the AGENCY USE field on each student’s answer document. For each subject-area test, you

will record: (1) the student's total testing time, including break time, and (2) the student's total time taken for breaks.

*After testing has been completed and you have collected each student's answer document (and reference materials/ graph paper, if removed), **make sure that the student has recorded his or her responses on the answer document.** Report any blank answer documents to your campus coordinator.*

Any scratch paper or other materials must be collected and returned to the campus coordinator.

Record the stop time for the test session on the seating chart.

Follow directions from your campus coordinator, and refer to the "Complete Paper Administration Process" section in this manual.

Return your test materials to the campus coordinator after the test session is over. Refer to the STAAR Test Administrator Manual – 3–5 for instructions on returning materials. Test booklets and answer documents must be separated and counted before they are returned to ensure that all materials are accounted for. The campus coordinator will verify that you have returned all test booklets assigned to you, as recorded on the Materials Control Form, and will initial the "In" box for the appropriate day.

At no time should you erase stray marks or darken answer-choice circles on students' answer documents.

**UNAUTHORIZED VIEWING, DISCUSSION,
DUPLICATING, OR SCORING OF SECURE TEST
MATERIALS IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.**

**Secure Materials are
located here in the secure
*2017 STAAR with Embedded Supports
Paper Administration Guides***

Security Oath

State of Texas
County of _____

Texas Education Agency
Student Assessment Program

2017

Oath of Test Security and Confidentiality for Test Administrator

This oath applies to all state assessments.

For All Test Administrators: Complete this section **before** handling any secure test materials

I do hereby certify, warrant, and affirm that I will fully comply with all requirements governing the student assessment program and do hereby certify the following by initialing to the left of the statements below and including the date where applicable:

(Initial each statement.)

- _____ I have received training on test administration procedures, and I understand my responsibilities concerning the administration of state assessments;
- _____ I am aware that testing procedures require me to actively monitor during test administrations;
- _____ I understand my responsibilities as a test administrator, and I am aware of the range of penalties that may result from a departure from the documented test administration procedures;
- _____ I understand my obligations concerning the security and confidentiality of state assessments, and I am aware of the range of penalties that may result from a violation of test security and confidentiality; and
- _____ I am aware of my obligation to report any suspected violations of test security or confidentiality to the campus testing coordinator.

I do hereby further certify, warrant, and affirm that I will faithfully and fully comply with all requirements concerning test security and confidentiality.

Signed on this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Test Administrator	Printed Name of Test Administrator	County-District Number
_____	_____	_____
District Name	Campus Name	Area Code/Telephone #
_____	_____	_____

For Test Administrators Authorized to View Secure State Assessments

Individuals who are authorized to conduct test administration procedures that involve viewing secure state assessments have an added responsibility of maintaining confidentiality. These procedures include but are not limited to: oral administration of paper tests, transcribing student responses from the test booklet, and particular accommodations, including embedded supports. As a reminder of this responsibility, these individuals are required to specifically confirm compliance with state confidentiality requirements by initialing to the left of each statement below.

- _____ I have not and will not divulge the contents of the test, generally or specifically.
- _____ I have not and will not copy any part of the test.

I do hereby certify, warrant, and affirm that I will fully comply with all the requirements governing the student assessment program.

Signature of Test Administrator	Date
_____	_____

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